PROVINCE OF LOWER CANADA. } **J. COLBORNE.**

By His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir JOHN COLBORNE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, and of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, and Administrator of the Government of the said Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent, bearing date at Westminster, the thirtieth day of March, in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, our said Sovereign Lady Victoria did constitute and appoint the Right Hon. John George Earl of Durham, to be Captain General and Governor-in-Chief, in and over our said Province of Lower Canada.

And whereas in and by the said Letters Patent, it is provided, that in case of the death, or of the absence of the said John George, Earl of Durham, out of the Province of Lower Canada, in either of such cases, all and singular, the powers and authorities granted to the said John George, Earl of Durham, should be given and granted to the Lieutenant Governor, for the time being, of such Province, or in the absence of any such Lieutenant Governor, to such Person or Persons as might, by Warrant under the Sign Manual be authorized and appointed to be the Administrator of the Government of the said Province, or either of them, such powers and authorities, to be by him or them executed and enjoyed during the Royal pleasure; but if, upon the death or absence of the said John George, Earl of Durham, out of the said Province of Lower Canada, no person shall be upon the place commissioned and appointed to Administer the Government of the said Province, until the return of the said John George, Earl of Durham, from any such absence, or until the Royal pleasure could be further made known, the Senior Military Officer, for the time being, in command of the Forces, within the said Province of Lower Canada, should take upon him the Administration of the Government thereof, and should execute in the said Province the said Commission and the Instructions therein mentioned, and the several powers

and authorities therein contained, in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes as other the Captain General and Governor-in Chief should or ought to do.

And whereas, by reason of the absence of His Excellency the Right Honorable John George, Earl of Durham, from and out of the said Province of Lower Canada, and under and by virtue of the above provision, in the said Letters Patent contained, the Administration of the Civil Government of Her Majesty's Province of Lower Canada hath devolved upon Me, the said Lieutenant General Sir John Colborne, being the Senior Officer commanding Her Majesty's Forces within the said Province of Lower Canada, with all and every the powers and authorities by the said Letters Patent vested in the said Right Honourable John George, Earl of Durham; I have, therefore, with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Province, thought fit to issue this Proclamation, to make known the same, and I do hereby require and command that all and singular, Her Majesty's Officers and Ministers in the said Province, do continue in the due execution of their several and respective Offices, Places, and Employments; and that Her Majesty's loving subjects, and others whom it may concern, do take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, in the said Province of Lower Canada, the first day of November, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight, and in the Second Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

D. DALY,
Secretary of the Province.

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